

abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

Please substitute the following claims:

6. (Once amended) A bacterial strain B that produces an amino acid, wherein said strain was produced by a process comprising:

(a) subjecting a parental bacterial strain to mutagenesis;  
(b) culturing the mutagenized parental strain with a bacterial culture medium containing at least about 1% raffinate based on ammonia sulfate content;  
(c) selecting a raffinate-resistant bacterial strain B from the bacterial culture medium containing said mutagenized parental strain of part b that has an impaired raffinate-resistance when compared to that of strain B.

7. (Once amended) The bacterial strain of Claim 6, wherein the parental bacterial strain A is selected from the group consisting of the following:

(a) *Corynebacterium* sp.;  
(b) *Brevibacterium* sp.;  
(c) *Escherichia coli*; and  
(d) *Bacillus* sp.

*A2 Sub B2*  
9. (Once amended) An isolated *Corynebacterium* strain, wherein said strain produces at least about 10g/l L-lysine in 24 hours when grown in a bacterial culture medium containing at least about 1% raffinate.

*Sub B3*  
11. (Once amended) An isolated L-lysine producing *Corynebacterium* strain, wherein said strain is selected from the group consisting of:  
(a) NRRL B-30059;  
(b) NRRL B-30060;  
(c) NRRL B-30061;  
(d) NRRL B-30062;  
(e) NRRL B-30063; and  
(f) mutants of (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e), wherein said mutant has increased production of a desired amino acid as compared to the production of the same amino acid in the strain before being mutagenized.

*A3*  
***In the Specification:***

*✓*  
Please insert the following statement at page 1 after the title of the invention and prior to the first line of text:

*A4*  
***✓Cross-reference to Related Application:***

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/146,350, filed August 2, 1999 (now abandoned). *✓*